

Town of Dewey-Humboldt
Environmental Issues Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Dewey-Humboldt Town Hall
2735 S. Highway 69
Dewey-Humboldt, AZ
August 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm. Treasha deFrance, Len Marinaccio and Denise Rogers were present. Mike Randall and Lydia Chapman were absent. Bob Bowman arrived late.

It was announced that Bob would be late. Treasha announced that results of water testing done on the Agua Fria River in conjunction with the NEMO Wet/Dry Survey were available and she has requested copies of the results.

Consideration of the DRAFT May 19, 2008 minutes were continued until later in the meeting when Bob arrived so a quorum would be present.

A discussion of EPA activities at the potential Superfund site and relating to the recent public meeting with D-H, EPA and ADEQ was opened. The Chair invited public comments during the discussion. Len stated how impressed he was with the openness of the agencies, but that he was concerned about the potential of using biosolids in covering the tailings. He said that was something the EIAC should look in to. Treasha stated that former EIAC member Doris Cellarius, who has studied this topic in depth, could give us a report on it. There are two professors at the U of A that specialize in biosolids and we could invite them to speak to us as well. TAG, for an existing or start-up non-profit, and CAG, for citizens, opportunities were briefly discussed. Treasha commented that she was impressed that the site characterization sampling was thorough, happening at record-breaking speed (according to Leah Butler) and that the site may be "listed" by fall. Community member Sam Dority stated that she was glad to see the map in the handout because she had never been sure what area was under consideration. Floyd Wright commented that the meeting was quite good. Kimberly Bullock, who lives below the site, stated how glad she was that something is happening. During the EPA Emergency Removal action, she and her family had had to evacuate for a month when the topsoil was removed from their place. She asked if there was evidence of anyone being sick from the activities there. Len stated that in a discussion with an epidemiologist he was told that it's hard to tell because for statistical confirmation there would have to be more samples than D-H has had people. The question should be: "What is the risk factor?" Kimberly stated she was concerned about the EPA removing the tailings and stirring-up the dust and the potential for runoff. She feels that what matters is that the tailings be contained to stop the spread. She also commented that there had recently been some brush clearing activities up there. Treasha said that the EPA activities are supposed to be protective and that she didn't think they do anything to make matters worse. Treasha encouraged the

attendees to let the Town Council know how happy they are something is finally being done.

Bob arrived at 7pm, the DRAFT minutes of the May 19, 2008 meeting were considered and Len motioned and Bob seconded to approve them, and they were unanimously approved.

Len explained that the Town is accepting submissions, until Sept 16, for the first amendment of the Town's General Plan. Since the EIAC's suggestions for the air, water and natural resources sections were quickly considered near the end of the preparation of the original document, we want to be sure they are available for council consideration during the amendment process. We discussed the method of submission. Generally submissions go to Town Staff but since we are an advisory committee to the Council it was felt that we should submit to them. It was moved by Len and seconded by Bob that we advise Council to "consider our policy concepts and direct staff to include the EIAC suggestions into the upcoming plan amendment process", the motion passed unanimously. Len said he would fill out the paperwork to place this item on the next Council agenda.

There were no additional comments from the public.

Len commented that EPA certified wood stoves and fireplaces are about 11% as polluting as old style ones and he thinks we should find a way to incent folks to upgrade. Treasha commented that she had noticed, during the Aug 19th Council meeting, that there were several environmental issues listed as future agenda items. She spoke with William and Len about the gap between environmental issues that will appear on future agenda items and the committee knowing what the council might want them to be looking into. Without communication, the committee cannot serve the council and the community by studying the matters and offering the information they learn to the council. We hope that EIAC can be notified and help by providing information to the council.

Having no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.